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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. EC-9 TO LEAVE MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS TO THE US:
GERMAN STATE SECRETARY FRANK IS REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD
NATO SYG LUNS THAT "THE EC-9 INTENDS TO LEAVE PEACE INI-
TIATIVES TO THE US AND TO CONCENTRATE ON ECONOMIC AND
TECHNICAL COOPERATION WITH THE ARABS." FRANK SAID THE
NINE WOULD SEEK TO TIME THE EC/ARAB DIALOGUE IN SUCH A
WAY AS TO LINK IT WITH PROGRESS IN THE SECRETARY'S PEACE
TALKS. LUNS ADDED THAT THE FRENCH "SPOILER ROLE" WOULD
EMBITTER GERMAN AND AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION, THUS EROD-
ING THE ALLIANCE. (STATE)

2. BRITISH COALMINERS TO END STRIKE MONDAY: THE MINE
UNION HAS ACCEPTED A PROPOSED PAY BOOST DOUBLE THAT PRE-
VIOUSLY OFFERED BY CONSERVATIVE PRIME MINISTER HEATH.
(TICKER)

3. MRS. MEIR NAMES NEW CABINET: THE NEW GOVERNMENT WAS
ANNOUNCED THE EVENING OF MARCH 6, WITH MOSHE DAYAN AS
DEFENSE MINISTER. THREE POSITIONS WERE LEFT OPEN FOR
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THE NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY, WHICH WILL PROBABLY JOIN

THE GOVERNMENT IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. (TICKER)

4. PEAK READINESS IN GOLAN HEIGHTS: JERUSALEM RADIO REPORTS THAT THE IDF IS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF READINESS SINCE THE OCTOBER WAR, MATCHING THE SYRIAN SIDE. (TICKER)

5. IRAN-IRAQ: FIGHTING CONTINUED MARCH 6 ALONG THE IRAN-IRAQ BORDER, EACH SIDE BLAMING THE OTHER. BAGHDAD STATED NINE IRAQI SOLDIERS HAD BEEN WOUNDED; TEHRAN REPORTED TWO IRANIAN SHEPHERDS WERE KILLED. (TICKER)

6. THREE ARAB TERRORISTS WERE RELEASED IN ROME: MARCH 2 ON "PROVISIONAL LIBERTY." THEIR PASSPORTS WERE RETURNED, AND IT IS EXPECTED THEY WILL LEAVE ITALY. (STATE)

7. HIGH IRAQI OFFICIAL TRAVELS TO MOSCOW: SADDAM HUSSEIN'S TRAVEL TO MOSCOW FEBRUARY 25-27 IS VIEWED AS AN INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE DETERIORATING BILATERAL RELATIONS AND ESTABLISH COHESION AMONG "ANTI-IMPERIALIST" ARAB STATES AND THE USSR. (STATE)

8. GROMYKO'S VISIT TO EGYPT MARCH 1-5: THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE CONTAINED LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE AND NO COMMITMENTS FROM EGYPT, BUT DID MEET SOVIET DEMANDS FOR RECOGNITION OF PAST AND FUTURE ASSISTANCE TO THE GOE. (STATE) KISSINGER

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